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Sir:

This application claims priority under 35 USC 120 from applications 08/749,671 filed November 15, 1996 which is a CIP of 08/599,310 filed February 9, 1996 which is a CIP of 08/558,729 filed November 16, 1995.

Under the provisions of 37 C.F.R. 1.97, including particularly subsections (a) and (e) thereof, 37 C.F.R. 1.98 including specifically subsection (a) thereof, and MPEP §609, Applicant calls to the attention of the Examiner the documents identified in the attached papers, copies of which were enclosed with an Information Disclosure Statement filed in application 08/749,671 by letter dated November 4, 1997 and which were cited by the Examiner in an office action dated May 17, 2001.

PTO Form 1449 as filed by letter dated November 4, 1997;
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Applicant respectfully requests that these references be entered into the record of this application, and that these references be printed on any patent resulting from this application.

The Examiner is requested to acknowledge this request in the next Paper issued on this Application.

Applicant respectfully submits that the present claims are patentable over the references identified herein, and requests timely and favourable examination of this application.

Respectfully submitted,

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